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1. IN CONNECTION WITH CHINESE EMBASSY MILITARY
ATTACHE'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH US
OFFICIALS IN WEST BERLIN (REF A), WE HAVE HAD SIMILAR
APPROACHES HERE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. THESE APPROACHES
ARE IN ADDITION TO AN INFORMAL AND INFREQUENT CONTACT
AN EMBASSY OFFICER HAS HAD HERE WITH ASSISTANT MILITARY
ATTACHE CHAN-CHENG PO.

2. IN LATEST EFFORTS, PO APPEARED TO GO OUT OF HIS WAY
TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO A NUMBER OF EMBASSY BERLIN
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OFFICERS AND STAFF AT A WEEKEND RECEPTION HERE IN EAST
BERLIN. PO EXCHANGED CARDS WITH SOME EMBASSY OFFICERS
AND INDICATED A STRONG INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT.
PO FOLLOWED THIS UP AUGUST 22 WITH THE CHIEF OF THE
EMBASSY'S POLITICAL SECTION WHO, AFTER CONSULTING WITH
THE AMBASSADOR, AGREED TO MEET WITH PO. PO'S ACTIONS
APPEAR TO BE PART OF A CHINESE EMBASSY EFFORT TO EXPAND

THEIR CONTACTS AMONG CERTAIN WESTERN EMBASSIES HERE. WE UNDERSTAND THE CHINESE EMBASSY HOSTED A LARGE FILM RECEPTION AUGUST 17 TO WHICH AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF WEST GERMANS WERE INVITED.

3. WE THINK IT POTENTIALLY USEFUL TO HAVE SOME LOW KEY CONTACT WITH THE CHINESE EMBASSY HERE, IN PART AS A WAY OF DEVELOPING INFORMATION ON PRC-GDR RELATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE CONCUR FULLY IN PARA 8 OF REFTEL B WHICH, ALTHOUGH RELATED TO POSSIBLE FRG EFFORTS, SUGGESTS THAT UNDUE HASTE OR STIRRING UP OF SOVIET-CHINESE FEUD WOULD NOT SERVE US INTERESTS IN THE CITY, AND WE WILL BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY IN WHATEVER CONTACTS MAY DEVELOP OUT OF THE MEETING WITH PO. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WE WILL TRY TO STEER THESE CONTACTS INTO THE NON-MILITARY CIRCLE OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY. BOLEN

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